

KSP investigates collision involving State Police cruiser

Special to the Register

The Kentucky State Police, Post 7 in Richmond, was notified just before 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 5 of a two-vehicle collision on US-25 (Lexington Road) near the I-75 exit 90 overpass in Madison County.

Troopers, along with medical personnel, responded to the scene. The preliminary investigation indicates a marked Kentucky State Police patrol vehicle, operated by Trooper Albert LaGrange, was traveling west on Lexington Road and approaching the intersection at the Exit 90 overpass.

A 2014 silver Chevrolet Malibu, operated by Taijua Robinson, 24, of Richmond, Ky, was traveling east on Lexington Road and attempting to make a left turn onto I-75 when the collision occurred.

Video footage obtained during the investigation indicates the marked Kentucky State Police patrol vehicle had a green traffic signal as it approached the intersection, while the Chevrolet Malibu entered the intersection after disregarding the traffic control device.

As a result of the collision, Robinson was transported to the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital for treatment of possible minor injuries. Trooper LaGrange was transported to Baptist Health Richmond for treatment of possible minor injuries.

The collision remains under investigation and is being reconstructed by Detective Tyler Holt. He was assisted at the scene by Kentucky State Police personnel, the Richmond Police Department, Madison County EMS, and the Richmond City Fire Department.

The search for truth

Marie Mitchell
Columnist

“The Truth is Out There,” is a famous tagline from the TV show “The X-Files.” I’m sure it is out there. Somewhere. But these days the truth isn’t always easy to find. Or to recognize.

Spending 30-plus years as a broadcast journalist (retired), this really worries me.

In the past few years, it’s been disheartening to witness the rapid decline in fact checking on radio, TV and newspaper reports. Old news is often delivered like it’s fresh. One-sided versions of important issues are presented like there is no other way to think about this matter.

Statistics are massaged, twisted, or wrestled into a biased interpretation in order to convert others to a specific way of thinking or keep believers pacified.

I miss the days of the three national TV networks vying for viewership. Each news broadcast was shaped by intrepid reporters scrambling for scoops of major events at home and abroad. They were our eyes and ears in the field—observing, interviewing, and putting events into perspective.

Even while striving to beat their competitors in airing a timely, well-rounded, doggedly-researched and accurately-reported package, the reporters didn’t cut corners. They still consulted reliable sources—more than one—to verify the information.

The interviewees were clearly identified, along with their credentials. Recent studies were cited. Multiple angles and points-of-view were explored—including the concerns of a subject’s harshest critics. The story was put in context of both present day and historical relevance.

When it came to sensitive material where a source needed to remain anonymous to protect themselves, we were given enough of their background and expertise to accept that they were qualified to know and reveal this valuable piece of information.

Most importantly, back in the day, we weren’t told what to think. Reporters merely presented both sides of an issue and let us draw our own conclusions. No coercion or collusion.

It wasn’t until the reporters and their editors determined the piece was fair, factual and informative, that it was released on air.

This healthy competition was good for viewers hungry for news. We knew that

each segment was given due diligence in telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the best of the reporter’s knowledge, honed investigative skills and deadline.

And, whether unconsciously, inadvertently or sloppily, the reporter missed an important fact, misrepresented someone’s statement or let bias slip through into their story—there were sincere apologies, retractions, and consequences provided.

Anchors had their reputations on the line as well with each story they introduced. Uncle Walter (Cronkite) didn’t allow shoddy reporting on his CBS Evening News program. That’s how he earned the title “the most trusted man in America.” He was our ethical watchdog (from 1962-81), along with other reputable anchors like Huntley, Brinkley, Brokaw, Jennings, Rather and Walters.

But that’s all changed now, hasn’t it? Political pressure targeting the free press has muzzled many news sources that once prided themselves as crusaders against outside interference. That includes questionable decisions tainting CBS’s former hard-hitting, in-depth, investigative program “60 Minutes,” or “The Washington Post” recently firing 300 journalists (about one-third of their news staff), or NPR losing its federal funding.

The emerging heroes of free speech have become late night talk show hosts, comedians and “Saturday Night Live” that offer more reliable news updates than you can find in today’s news broadcasts and newspapers. They have been fearless in defying censorship attempts from their networks by providing insights of current events we wouldn’t otherwise be privy to.

Sadly, about half of U.S. adults are now turning to social media for their news, according to The Pew Research Center. Facebook is the leading source with 36%, YouTube 23% and X/Twitter 15%. One-in-five Americans regularly get their news on TikTok (especially those 30-and-younger) and one-in-10 from Podcasts.

This presents several problems since these platforms don’t require any strict editorial policies, checks or balances. There’s often more single sources, opinion or commentary, and inconsistencies in what’s presented as fact. and much of the appeal of these stories targets our

APPOINTMENTS			
Pursuant to Section 424.120 and 420.340 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Notice of Creditors, Administration has been granted by the District court upon the following:			
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All persons having claims against the above decedents are notified to file same, property proven, with the respective representatives no later than 6 months from the date of appointment.

This March 7, 2026
David M. Fernandez by SJ/DC
Madison County Circuit/District Court